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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Specification:

Page 7, line 10: Change "DISCLOSURE" to --SUMMARY--.

Page 10, line 1: Change "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" to -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of laser beam machining, [characterized in that]

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- ~~4. (Amended) The method of laser beam machining according to [any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that]~~